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Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Training and research".

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 31st to 33rd, 35th, 38th, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 31 October, 9, 20 and 29 November, and 1 and 8 December 2000. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.31-33, 35, 38, 40 and 42). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 2, 3 and 5 October (see A/C.2/55/SR.3-7).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/55/14);[1]

(b) Report of the Council of the United Nations University (A/55/31);[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Staff College project (A/55/369 and Add.1);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations University (A/55/412);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/55/510);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth session, Supplement No. 14* (A/55/14).
[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth session, Supplement No. 31* (A/55/31).

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(f) Letter dated 10 October 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of India and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/473).

4. At the 31st meeting, on 31 October, the Rector of the United Nations University made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/55/SR.31).

5. At the 33rd meeting, on 9 November, the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the United Nations Staff College made introductory statements (see A/C.2/55/SR.33).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.24 and Rev.1

6. At the 32nd meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Japan, on behalf of Australia, Azerbaijan, Canada, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Malta, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovenia, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations University" (A/C.2/55/L.24). Subsequently, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Tonga and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Reaffirming* its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

"*Having considered* the report of the Council of the United Nations University, as presented by the Rector of the University on 31 October 2000, and the report of the Secretary-General on the University,

"*Expressing its deep appreciation* for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

"*Noting with satisfaction* that 2000 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the initiation of the University's programmes and that during these years the University has developed a distinctive identity within the United Nations system and the international academic and scientific community,

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the steps taken by the Council and the Rector of the University to promote the work and the visibility of the University, particularly among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, through such measures as organizing a series of public forums for the purpose of disseminating the results of its research, and requests them to further intensify such efforts, particularly by making use of information and communication technologies;

"2. *Welcomes* the adoption by the University Council of the 'Strategic Plan, 2000: Advancing Knowledge for Human Security and Development', which has a programmatic focus on research, policy studies, capacity-building and dissemination of information on two thematic areas, peace and governance and environment and sustainable development, in line with the priority concerns of the United Nations;

"3. *Also welcomes* the contribution made by the University to the work of the United Nations both in intergovernmental processes, including United Nations global conferences, and in analytical work, and requests the Rector to intensify his efforts to extend the policy studies programme of the University;

"4. *Further welcomes* the progress made by the University in improving interaction and communication between the University and the rest of the United Nations system as noted in the report of the Secretary-General on the University, requests the Rector to intensify his efforts in this regard and requests the Secretary-General to encourage other parts of the United Nations system to improve their interaction and communication with the University in order that the University may serve as a think-tank for the United Nations system;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General in this connection to continue his consideration of innovative measures to improve interaction and communication between the University and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system and, in the light of General Assembly resolution 53/194, to ensure that the work of the University is taken into account in all relevant activities of the system so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

"6. *Welcomes* the progress made with regard to the participation of the University in the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and encourages the University to play an active role in this regard so that it may better understand and respond to the needs of the United Nations system as it carries out its work;

"7. *Also welcomes* the initiative taken by the University, together with the United Nations Office at Geneva, in bringing together United Nations research entities and invites the Secretary-General to use these annual meetings to develop greater synergy among them and between them and other parts of the United Nations system;

"8. *Takes note* of the important ongoing cooperation between the University and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in particular in the follow-up activities to the World Conference on Higher Education, held in Paris on 5 October 1998, the preparation of the *World Water Development Report* and the initiation of the programme on dialogue among civilizations;

"9. *Recognizes* the importance of creating linkages, collaboration and cooperation with other research institutions and universities around the world in order to facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices;

"10. *Emphasizes* the continuing need of the University to strengthen the capacity of scholarly and scientific institutions in developing countries by extending its capacity-building programmes and through innovative partnerships and networking, involving the United Nations system, academic entities, professional associations, private sector bodies and other elements of civil society that will bring additionality to the work of the University;

"11. *Requests* the University to broaden the reach of its dissemination activities, using innovative methods, including new information and communication technologies, to ensure that the knowledge developed by the University is made available to all those to whom it may be of benefit;

"12. *Requests* the Council and the Rector, taking into account the previous resolutions of the Assembly and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the University, to continue to make further efforts to ensure the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the activities of the University, as well as its financial transparency and accountability, to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and to find innovative ways to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

"13. *Invites* the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University, including to its research and training centres and programmes, and in particular to its Endowment Fund."

7. At the 40th meeting, on 1 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and drew its attention to a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1) which was submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24, as well as Costa Rica, Gabon, Guatemala and Tonga.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1 (see para.18, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.25 and Rev.1

9. At the 33rd meeting, on 9 November, the representative of France, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovenia, the Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Staff College in Turin, Italy" (A/C.2/55/L.25), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* the decision taken by the Secretary-General in January 1996 to establish, in Turin, Italy, the United Nations Staff College project for an initial period of five years,

"*Recalling* its resolution 54/228 of 22 December 1999,

"*Reaffirming* the importance of a coordinated United Nations system-wide approach to research and training based on an effective coherent strategy and an effective division of labour among the relevant institutions and bodies,

"*Welcoming* the report of the Secretary-General as well as the report of the Independent Evaluation Team,

"1. *Welcomes* the work of the United Nations Staff College project, in particular with regard to strengthening the performance of the United Nations in the areas of economic and social development and international peace and security and in promoting a common United Nations management culture;

"2. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the International Labour Organization for the technical, logistical and administrative contributions provided by its International Training Centre in Turin;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations on an urgent basis with the Administrative Committee on Coordination and relevant United Nations organizations and to submit, as early as possible, a final draft of the statute for the College, reflecting, as appropriate, the outcome of these consultations on functions, governance and funding for review and approval by the General Assembly, preferably at its fifty-fifth session, with a view to establishing the College as at 1 January 2002;

"4. *Decides* to establish the United Nations System Staff College as an institution for system-wide knowledge management, training and learning for the staff of the United Nations system, aimed, in particular, at the creation of a framework for a common culture for economic and social development, peace and security and internal management;

"5. *Decides* that, after the establishment of the Staff College, a biennial report should be submitted to the General Assembly on the work, activities and accomplishments of the College, including its collaboration with other relevant United Nations institutions."

10. At the 38th meeting, on 29 November, the representative of France, on behalf of the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25 and Algeria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Bolivia, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Croatia, Cuba, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Georgia, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Israel, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Maldives, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Morocco, Micronesia (the Federated States of), Nauru, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Saint Lucia, Solomon Islands, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Venezuela, introduced a revised draft resolution entitled "United Nations Staff College in Turin, Italy" (A/C.2/55/L.25/Rev.1), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.25/Rev.1 (see para. 18, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.35 and A/C.2/55/L.56

12. At the 35th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research" (A/C.2/55/L.35), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 49/125 of 19 December 1994, 50/121 of 20 December 1995, 51/188 of 16 December 1996, 52/206 of 18 December 1997, 53/195 of 15 December 1998 and 54/229 of 22 December 1999,

"*Having considered* the reports of the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

"*Welcoming* the efforts made towards consolidation of the restructuring process of the Institute and the recent progress made by the Institute in its various programmes and activities, including the improved cooperation that has been established with other organizations of the United Nations system and with regional and national institutions,

"*Expressing its appreciation* to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial and other contributions to the Institute,

"*Noting* that contributions to the General Fund of the Institute have not increased along with the increased participation of the developed countries in the training programmes, and stressing the urgent need to address this discrepancy,

"*Reiterating* that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

"1. *Reaffirms* the importance of a coordinated, system-wide approach by the United Nations to research and training, and underlines the need for United Nations training and research institutions to avoid duplication in their work;

"2. *Also reaffirms* the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations and the training requirements of States and the relevance of research activities related to training undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

"3. *Stresses* the need for the Institute to strengthen further its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes;

"4. *Welcomes* the progress made in building partnerships between the Institute and other agencies and bodies of the United Nations system with respect to their training programmes and, in this context, underlines the need to develop further and to expand the scope of these partnerships, in particular at the country level;

"5. *Welcomes also* the decisions taken so far by the Secretary-General to ensure continuity in the management of the Institute and to consider the proper grade for the post of Executive Director;

"6. *Requests* the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to intensify its efforts to attract experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the preparation of relevant training materials for the programmes and activities of the Institute, and stresses that the courses of the Institute should focus primarily on development issues;

"7. *Renews its appeal* to all Governments, in particular those of developed countries, and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute, to give it their generous financial and other support, and urges the States that have interrupted their voluntary contributions to consider resuming them in view of the successful restructuring and revitalization of the Institute;

"8. *Encourages* the Board of Trustees of the Institute to continue its efforts to address the discrepancy between the decline in contributions to the General Fund of the Institute and the increase in participation in its programmes;

"9. *Also encourages* the Board of Trustees to consider organizing events of the Institute at additional sites, including the cities hosting regional commissions, in order to promote greater participation and to reduce costs;

"10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Institute and with United Nations funds and programmes, to continue to explore ways and means systematically to utilize the Institute in the execution of training and capacity-building programmes;

"11. *Notes with appreciation* the services rendered by the Executive Director of the Institute in the light of the challenges emanating from the increased responsibilities encountered by his office;

"12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to supply the necessary offices to the Institute in Geneva and New York free of rental and maintenance costs as requested by the Board of Trustees, taking into account that similar United Nations institutes enjoy such privileges;

"13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

13. At the 42nd meeting, on 8 December, the Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/55/L.49).

14. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/55/L.56), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35.

15. Also at the same meeting, the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, made a statement

concerning the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56 (see A/C.2/55/SR.42).

16. At the 42nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56 (see para. 18, draft resolution III).

17. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.35 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

18. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University, including resolution 53/194 of 15 December 1998,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University,[3] as presented by the Rector of the University on 31 October 2000, and the report of the Secretary-General on the University,[4]

Bearing in mind the need to continue to ensure a coordinated, system-wide approach to training and training-related research issues and to continue to pursue a coherent strategy for building on common fields of interest and complementarities among the various training and research institutions in the United Nations system,

Expressing its deep appreciation for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

Noting with satisfaction that, since its creation twenty-five years ago, the University has developed a distinctive identity in the United Nations system and the international academic and scientific community,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Governing Council of the United Nations University of the "Strategic Plan, 2000: Advancing Knowledge for Human Security and Development", which has a programmatic focus on research, policy studies, capacity-building and dissemination of information in the two thematic areas of peace and governance and environment and sustainable development, in line with the priority concerns of the United Nations;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the steps taken by the Council and the Rector of the University to promote the work and the visibility of the University, in particular among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, through such measures as organizing a series of public forums for the purpose of disseminating the results of its research, and requests them to further intensify such efforts;

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[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 31* (A/55/31).
[4] A/55/412.

3. *Also welcomes* the contribution made by the University to the work of the United Nations both in intergovernmental processes, including United Nations global conferences, and in analytical work, and requests the Rector to intensify his efforts to extend the policy studies programme of the University;

4. *Emphasizes* the continuing need of the University to strengthen the capacity of scholarly and scientific institutions in developing countries by extending its capacity-building programmes and through innovative partnerships and networking, involving the United Nations system, academic entities, professional associations, private sector bodies and other elements of civil society that will bring additional input to the work of the University;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made by the University in improving interaction and communication between the University and the rest of the United Nations system, noted in the report of the Secretary-General on the University,[4] requests the Rector to intensify his efforts in this regard, and also requests the Secretary-General to encourage other parts of the United Nations system to improve their interaction and communication with the University so that it may serve as a think tank for the United Nations system;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General in this connection to continue his consideration of innovative measures to improve interaction and communication between the University and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system and, in the light of General Assembly resolution 53/194, to ensure that the work of the University is taken into account in all relevant activities of the system so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

7. *Welcomes* the progress made with regard to the participation of the University in the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, and encourages the University to play an active role in this regard so that it may better understand and respond to the needs of the United Nations system as it carries out its work;

8. *Also welcomes* the initiative taken by the University, together with the United Nations Office at Geneva, in bringing together United Nations research entities, and invites the Secretary-General to use these annual meetings to develop greater synergy among them and between them and other parts of the United Nations system;

9. *Takes note* of the important ongoing cooperation between the University and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in particular in the follow-up activities to the World Conference on Higher Education, held in Paris on 5 October 1998, the preparation of the *World Water Development Report* and the initiation of the programme on dialogue among civilizations;

10. *Recognizes* the importance of the creation of linkages, collaboration and cooperation with other research institutions and universities throughout the world, in particular in developing countries, in order to facilitate the exchange of information, experience and best practice so as to mainstream the perspective of developing countries in the activities of the University;

11. *Requests* the University to broaden the reach of its dissemination activities by using innovative methods, including new information and

communications technology, in order to ensure that the knowledge developed by the University is made available to all those to whom it may be of benefit;

12. *Requests* the Council and the Rector, taking into account the previous resolutions of the Assembly and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the University,[5] to continue to make further efforts to ensure the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the activities of the University, as well as its financial transparency and accountability, to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and to find innovative ways to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

13. *Invites* the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University, including its research and training centres and programmes, and in particular to its Endowment Fund.

Draft resolution II
United Nations Staff College in Turin, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling the decision taken by the Secretary-General in January 1996 to establish in Turin, Italy, the United Nations Staff College project for an initial period of five years,

Recalling also its resolution 54/228 of 22 December 1999,

Reaffirming the importance of a coordinated United Nations system-wide approach to research and training based on an effective coherent strategy and an effective division of labour among the relevant institutions and bodies,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General[6] and the report of the Independent Evaluation Team,[7]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the work of the United Nations Staff College project, in particular with regard to strengthening the performance of the United Nations in the areas of economic and social development and international peace and security and in promoting a common United Nations management culture;

2. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the International Labour Organization for the technical, logistical and administrative contributions provided by its International Training Centre in Turin;

3. *Decides* to establish the United Nations System Staff College, as at 1 January 2002 after the approval of its statute, as an institution for system-wide knowledge management, training and learning for the staff of the United Nations system, aimed, in particular, at the areas of economic and social development, peace and security and internal management of the United Nations system;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue consultations on an urgent basis with the Administrative Committee on Coordination and relevant United Nations organizations and to submit, as early as possible, a final draft of the statute

[5] See A/53/392.
[6] A/55/369.
[7] A/55/369/Add.1.

for the College, reflecting, as appropriate, the outcome of these consultations on functions, governance and funding for review and approval by the General Assembly, preferably at its fifty-fifth session;

5. *Decides* that, after the establishment of the Staff College, a biennial report should be submitted to the General Assembly on the work, activities and accomplishments of the College, including its collaboration with other relevant United Nations institutions.

Draft resolution III
United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/125 of 19 December 1994, 50/121 of 20 December 1995, 51/188 of 16 December 1996, 52/206 of 18 December 1997, 53/195 of 15 December 1998 and 54/229 of 22 December 1999,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[8] and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,[9]

Welcoming the efforts made towards consolidation of the restructuring process of the Institute and the recent progress made by the Institute in its various programmes and activities, including the improved cooperation that has been established with other organizations of the United Nations system and with regional and national institutions,

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments and private institutions that have made or pledged financial and other contributions to the Institute,

Noting that contributions to the General Fund have not increased and that the participation of the developed countries in training programmes in New York and Geneva is increasing,

Noting that the bulk of the resources contributed to the Institute are directed to the Special Fund rather than to the General Fund, and stressing the need to address that unbalanced situation,

Noting also that the Institute receives no subsidy from the United Nations regular budget, that it provides training programmes to all Member States free of charge and that similar United Nations institutions based at Geneva are not charged rent or maintenance costs,

Reiterating that training activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of a coordinated, system-wide approach by the United Nations to research and training based on an effective coherent strategy and an effective division of labour among the relevant institutions and bodies;

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[8] A/55/510.

[9] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 14* (A/55/14).

2. *Also reaffirms* the relevance of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research in view of the growing importance of training within the United Nations and the training requirements of States and the relevance of training-related research activities undertaken by the Institute within its mandate;

3. *Stresses* the need for the Institute to strengthen further its cooperation with other United Nations institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes;

4. *Welcomes* the progress made in building partnerships between the Institute and other agencies and bodies of the United Nations system with respect to their training programmes and, in this context, underlines the need to develop further and to expand the scope of these partnerships, in particular at the country level;

5. *Welcomes also* the decisions taken so far by the Secretary-General to ensure continuity in the management of the Institute and to consider the proper grade for the post of Executive Director;

6. *Requests* the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to intensify its efforts to attract experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the preparation of relevant training materials for the programmes and activities of the Institute, and stresses that the courses of the Institute should focus primarily on development issues;

7. *Renews its appeal* to all Governments, in particular those of developed countries, and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute, to give it their generous financial and other support, and urges the States that have interrupted their voluntary contributions to consider resuming them in view of the successful restructuring and revitalization of the Institute;

8. *Calls upon* developed countries, which are increasingly participating in the training programmes conducted in New York and Geneva, to make contributions to, or to consider increasing their contributions to, the General Fund;

9. *Encourages* the Board of Trustees of the Institute to continue its efforts to resolve the critical financial situation of the Institute, in particular with a view to broadening its donor base and increasing the contributions made to the General Fund;

10. *Also encourages* the Board of Trustees to consider diversifying further the venues of the events organized by the Institute, and to include the cities hosting regional commissions, in order to promote greater participation and reduce costs;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Institute and United Nations funds and programmes, to continue to explore ways and means of systematically utilizing the Institute in the execution of training and capacity-building programmes for the economic and social development of developing countries;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the services rendered by the Executive Director of the Institute in the light of the challenges emanating from the increased responsibilities encountered by his office;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider reclassifying the rental rates and maintenance costs charged to the Institute with a view to alleviating its current financial difficulties, which are aggravated by the current practice of charging

commercial rates, taking into account that other organizations affiliated with the United Nations enjoy such privileges;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to it at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.